

AD HOC DOMESTIC ANIMAL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013

The Ad Hoc Domestic Animal Committee met on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

PRESENT: Brit Goda, Carol Pasco, Colleen Kenny, Dave Bachman, Lee Nelson, Jr., Jason Hallead, Mitch Deisch

ABSENT: Roger Zielinski

PURPOSE: City Council has committed to reviewing City Ordinance 606 Animals that was originally drafted in 1963. The intent of the review is to discuss domestic animals and possible language to amend the ordinance. Ultimately, recommendations will be made to City Council for their action. Purpose of new ordinance is to protect animals, people and surrounding neighbors.

City Attorney George Saylor went over the Right to Farm Act and how it may impact a potential new ordinance. City Attorney opined that the City with a combination of Zoning Ordinance changes and new ordinance language could be more restrictive than the Right to Farm Act (RTFA).

The committee discussed the RTFA, asked numerous questions, and ultimately came to the decision to not limit citizen rights by exceeding regulations included in the RTFA. Committee believe the new ordinance should mention the RTFA in the new language.

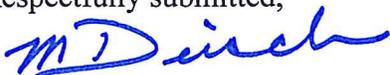
Carol Pasco has been researching communities that license cats. Talked to several communities where an ordinance on licensing cats exists and found out most communities have not implemented the cat licensing program. Still primarily complaint driven enforcement. Most communities did not feel it addressed cat population issue. Carol Pasco does not feel licensing cats will control the population, more interested in a spay and neuter cat program.

Colleen Kenny – County needs to establish different rates for licensing dogs who have been spayed or neutered; and those who have not. Need to be a greater incentive for pet owners to spay and neuter their dogs.

Staff will prepare a draft ordinance for review. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

Adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell D. Deisch, City Manager
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